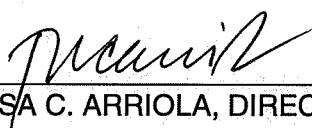


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**POLICY:**

All medications shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations for the disposal of chemicals and potentially hazardous substances.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Medications for disposal: Includes medications which are not taken with the consumer upon discharge from the Inpatient Unit, discontinued medications, expired, abandoned, or contaminated and deteriorated medications.

**PROCEDURE:**

- A. The Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician check medicine inventory in the Pharmacy monthly and remove expired, unwanted, or unused medicines from the storage and medicine cabinets.
- B. All other programs that use medication perform monthly inventory and return all expired, unused medications to the Pharmacy for proper disposal.
- C. The Pharmacist oversees the proper disposal of medication as follows:
  1. Expired, controlled medications are placed in a container and transported to Guam Memorial Hospital for autoclaving every quarter.
  2. Expired, regular or non-controlled medications that are still in its original packaging or bottle are placed in a container and returned to our local supplier for safe disposal.
  3. All expired, non-controlled medicines that are no longer in original packaging/bottles collected by the Pharmacy are placed in a drug disposal kit container and placed in a biohazard bag for pick up and proper disposal by the Facility and Operations (Maintenance) Section.
- D. For the management of biohazards associated with the use of medication, reference the Standard Infection Control Precaution Policy and Sharps Disposal.

**SUPERSEDES:** AD-PHARMA-02 Medication Control, 11/16/2018, Director Rey Vega.



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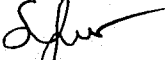
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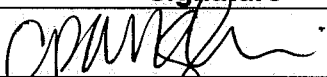
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